expect the final report of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. All the proposals for staff since inception of the Commission were considered and posts sanctioned to the Commission for carrying out its work as per its Terms of Reference.

(b) and (c) Depending upon the reference received from Jain Commission of Inquiry, the Central Government have been providing and will provide relevant material, claiming privilege wherever necessary.

(d) There is no conflict with the Commission. Nor have the Central Government decided to wind up the Commission. It is very difficult to say with certainty as to when the Commission will be able to complete its inquiry and submit its final report to the Central Government.

Ethnic clashes

2161. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a fresh spurt of ethnic clashes many kukis were killed by the Nagas indicating again the disturbance in this area; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check and assure the non repetition of such crimes and caste war again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) In some recent incidents in Manipur both Kukis and Nagas were killed. The State Government was advised to take immediate necessary measures to prevent recurrence of incidents and provide necessary relief. According to the State Government, Security Forces rushed to the spot and launched combing operations. Seven persons, who were suspected to have given shelter to the insurgents, have been arrested. In order to check any retaliatary action or escalation the District Police, CRPF and Manipur Rifles have been put on high alert besides contacting community leaders to observe forbearance and restraint.

Rajiv Gandhi assassination case

2162. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for delay of three years to begin the Rajiv Murder Case; and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The reasons for delay inter-alia include the followings:—

(i) Very large number of witnesses in the case.

(ii) Large number of voluminous documents which were required to be translated into Tamil as per Court orders.

(iii) High security Court-cum-Jail Complex had to be provided on security considerations.

(iv) The accused took time in deciding about the lawyers to defend them.

(v) Boycot of proceedings and other dilatery tactics adopted by the accused.

(vi) Large number of criminal miscellaneous petitions were filed by the accused before the trial Court, which had to be disposed off.